

**In the Abstract**

Please replace the abstract as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2004/052321 with the following amended abstract:

**ABSTRACT**

~~The invention relates to a A contactor includes comprising~~ an upper housing part (2), connecting bars (8) that are fixed in ~~said the upper housing~~ part, a front housing cover and box terminals (20) that are located in terminal housings. ~~The aim of the invention is to To simplify the~~ connection technique for the contactor. ~~To achieve this, the housing cover consists of~~ ~~has~~ two right-angled cover halves (4, 6), whose respective front cover limbs (16) lie opposite one another in close proximity and which can be fixed onto the upper housing part (2). The cover limbs (18) of ~~said the~~ housing cover on the connection side are configured as terminal housings.